

### **REMARKS**

This is in response to the Examiner's request for any written descriptions or brochures, catalogues, or supplier's trade names or designations, known by any of the inventors or assignees, of intermediate goods used in the manufacture of the claimed subject matter. Specifically, if the metal of page 3 line 25 – page 4 line 10, or the metal of claim 13, is being provided by an outside supplier "as-is", the Examiner has requested any ASTM designations for the metal being claimed, any manufacturers and/or the manufacturer's trade name or designation of the metal, and any designations by which the metal having the composition of page 3 line 25 – page 4 line 10 or claim 13 is known. In response, Applicant confirms that the composition defined in the present application, particularly page 3, line 25 to page 4, line 10 and in claim 13 is a result of Applicant's internal search and development with the aim to define a steel composition suitable for manufacturing socket-head screws by successive cold working operations corresponding to the mechanical features of class 8.8 (ISO 898.1). In addition, the inventors and Assignee are not aware of any relevant written descriptions or brochures, catalogues, or supplier's trade names or designations of intermediate goods used in the manufacture of the claimed subject matter.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17, particularly, extension of time fees.

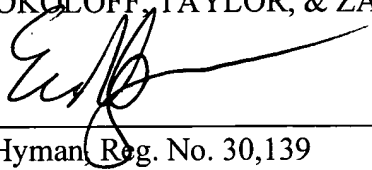
**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Per 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) and in connection with the Office Action mailed on September 1, 2006, Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for a three (3) month extension of time, extending the period for response to March 1, 2007. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment to Deposit Account No. 02-2666 in the amount of \$ 1,020.00 to cover the petition filing fee for a 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(3) large entity. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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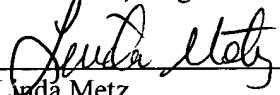
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March 1, 2007